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NITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant

: Wilfried Matthis, et al.

Confirmation No. 2568

Application No. : 10/726,177

Filed

: December 1, 2003

Title

: ELEMENT HAVING A SHAFT AND A HOLDING ELEMENT

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Examiner

: Annette R. Reimers

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Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Post Office Box 7068 Pasadena, CA 91109-7068 November 16, 2006

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated June 16, 2006 for 2 month(s) from September 16, 2006 to November 16, 2006.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60	\$ 120	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 225	\$ 450	\$450
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 510	\$ 1020	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 795	\$1590	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1080	\$2160	\$

Submitted herewith is a check for \$450 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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